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ANNUAL
HEALTH REPORT

For the Year 1960

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Annual Report of the District Medical
Officer of Health for the year 1960

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
DOLGELLAU RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Health Report for the year
ending 31st December 1960.

It is heartening to note that the Registrar General estimated
that there had been an increase of 350 in the population during the year
and it is to be hoped that this trend will continue in the future.

Live Births were two fewer than in the previous year, and of
these the illegitimate births were increased from 3 to 5. Still births
were also down from 1 to NIL. There was a decrease of 4 in the infant
mortality rate.

There were 8 more deaths than in the previous year and of those
the majority were caused by diseases of the heart and circulatory system.
There was an increase in female deaths from vascular Lesions of the
Central Nervous System from 4 to 15.

Cancer deaths were 4 more than in 1959 (Cancer, lung the same
and Cancer, Stomach increased by 2).

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis during the year and the
notifications of Pulmonary disease was reduced from 9 to 5, mostly in the
higher age groups. Once again there were no notifications of Non
Pulmonary disease.

Notifications of infectious diseases fell from 36 to 10 and of
these 9 were cases of measles.

No cases of food Poisoning were notified during the year.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

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District Medical
Officer of Health.

SECTION AGENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Rural District	158,942
Rateable Value	
Population (Registrar's General figures)	8,250
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£308.
Number of inhabited houses (According to the Rate Books) at the end of year.	

COMPARABILITY FACTORS

Births	1.48
Deaths	1.03

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	50	44
Legitimate	48	41
Illegitimate	2	3

LIVE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION 11.39

1959 figures 12.17

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	NIL	NIL

<u>STILL BIRTHS RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION</u>	NIL
<u>TOTAL BIRTHS (Live and Still)</u>	94
Births (Live)	94
Births (Still)	NIL

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	1	NIL
Legitimate	NIL	NIL
Illegitimate	1	NIL

Infant Mortality (Rate per 1,000 Live Births)	10.63
1959 figures	52.08

Deaths of Legitimate Infants	
Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	11.23

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants	Figures not
Mortality (per 1,000 illegitimate live births)	statistically
	relevant.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total	1	1
Legitimate	1	1
Illegitimate	1	1

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK

Total	1	1
Legitimate	1	1
Illegitimate	1	1

Illegitimate Live Births (per 1,000 population)	0.59
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<u>MATERNAL DEATHS</u> (including abortion)	
Total	NIL

MATERNAL MORTALITY

(Rate per 1,000 live and still births) (Death connected with childbirth and pregnancy 1959 figure)	NIL
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<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
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Total Number - 107	54	53
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Rate per 1,000 population	
1959 figures	12.97
	12.53

DEATHS FROM CANCER

Total Number - 24	16	8
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Rate per 1,000 population	2.91
1959 figures	2.53

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Total Number - NIL

Rate per 1,000 population - NIL
1959 figures - NIL

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(1) PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

One Medical Officer of Health
One Public Health Inspector
One Surveyor.

(2) LABORATORY FACILITIES:

Water analysis (Chemical) carried out by the Public Analyst, Chester.
Water (bacteriological) carried out by the Public Health Laboratory, Aberystwyth.
Milk (tests for cleanliness, for keeping quality and for tuberculosis) carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Aberystwyth. No charge is made on the L/A for these tests.

(3) AMBULANCE FACILITIES:

Four Ambulances stationed at Dolgellau. Transport for sick cases can easily and readily be obtained.

(4) INFANT WELFARE CLINICS:

Held at: Dyffryn Ardudwy -- once a month
Dolgellau - Wesleyan Chapel vestry every two weeks
Abergynolwyn - at the Aelwyd building once a month.
Corris - at the Institute once a month.

(5) ANTE NATAL CLINICS

At Dolgellau Hospital - two a month.

(6) ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC:

At Dolgellau Hospital - two a month.

(7) TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

Held at the Dolgellau Hospital twice a month.

(8) DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Arranged by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Immunisation of babies and young children is carried out at the Primary Schools.

(9) HOSPITALS:

One fully equipped hospital at Dolgellau.

(10) INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year:--

	.....	.....	10
Scarlet Fever	.....	.....	NIL
Bacillary Dysentery	.....	.....	NIL
Whooping Cough	.....	.....	NIL
Measles	.....	.....	9
Infantile Paralysis	.....	.....	NIL
Pneumonia	.....	.....	1

NEW CASES

TUBERCULOSIS

Pulmonary --	Total 5	Males: 4	Females: 1
Non-Pulmonary --	Total NIL.	" NIL	" NIL.

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS:

Total	NIL.
Pulmonary	Total NIL.
Non-Pulmonary	" NIL.
	" NIL
	" NIL

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1958
IN AGE GROUPS

Age Periods	Respiratory		Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
15	1							
35								
45								
55	3							
65								
75		1						

CAUSES OF DEATH

	M.	F.
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Cancer Stomach	3	2
" Lungs	4	-
" Breast	-	2
" Uterus	-	-
" Other sites	9	4
Diabetes	-	-
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	15
Coronary diseases, angina	4	4
Hypertension with heart disease	2	1
Other Heart diseases	6	14
Other circulatory disease	5	5
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-
Bronchitis	2	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	3
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	4	-
Suicide	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
	54	53

FOOD HYGIENE

Inspections of food premises were carried out and advice to food handlers was given.

No. of prosecution. NIL.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 & 1951

No persons were removed under the Provisions of these Acts.

GENERAL

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Houses - Public Health Acts	258
Houses - Housing Acts	142
Complaints investigated	24
Factories	2
Workshops	2
Infectious Disease Cases	NIL
Houses Disinfected	3
Petroleum Acts	32
Shops Acts	30
Interviews with Owners	60
Revisits to properties under notice or repair	84
Bakehouses	1
Butchers' Shops	4
Ice Cream Promises	20
Informal Notices served	19
Informal Notices complied with	17
Notice of Time & Place Issued	21
Houses Closed	27
Demolition Orders Made	1
Statutory Notices served, W.Act	1
Statutory Notices Public Health Act. Sec.47	12
Statutory Notices Public Health Act. Sec.38	7
Statutory Notices Rent Act 1957 (Disrepair)	3
Notices Cancelled	1

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements	17
W. C.'s provided	8
H. W. System	1
Drainage systems	11
Alterations	18
Eaves gutters renewed or repaired	-
Dangerous walls	-
New bathrooms	9
New Chalot	1
New Cafe	-
Extensions to Caravan Sites	-
Facilities to Caravan Sites	-
Conveniences for Caravan Sites	6
Caravan Sites	15
Garages	31

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED
continued

Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954

Applications for grant	
Standard Grant	4
Discretionary Grant	10

Drains, Water Closets and Refuse Accommodation

Obstructed drains cleaned	14
Obstructed W.C.'s cleaned	12
Drains repaired or reconstructed	8
Inspection covers renewed	2
W. C. Basins renewed	8
Sanitation for Camps	6
Bathrooms	9
Drainage Systems	11

Other Nuisances:

Smoke	NIL
Animals kept (improperly)	1
Accumulations	1

SUMMARY OF WATER SUPPLIES

	<u>Treated Water</u>		<u>Raw Water</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Bacteriological.</u>				
	S.	U.	S.	U.	
Council Schemes	70	9	-	-	79
Private Supplies	-	-	4	4	8
Hill Farming	-	-	5	3	8
Proposed Schemes	-	-	6	11	17
	70	9	15	18	112

HOUSING PROGRESS

	Year	Traditional	Swedish	Total
Llanegryn	Pre-war	8	--	8
Dyffryn	1945	4	--	4
do	1947	-	8	8
Abergynolwyn	1947	12	--	12
Llanegryn	1948	8	--	8
Brithdir	1948	-	4	4
Llwyngwrl	1949	30	--	30
Talybont	1950	4	--	4
Bontddu	1951	8	--	8
Taicynhaeaf	1951	3	--	3
Dyffryn	1951	11	--	11
do	1952	7	--	7
Rhoslefain	1952	12	--	12
Llanfachreth	1953	7	--	7
Llanelltyd	1953	10	--	10
do	1954	9	--	9
Llanfachreth	1954	7	--	7
Arthog	1955	6	--	6
Llanelltyd	1955	4	--	4
Corris	1955	15	--	15
Llanelltyd	1956	3	--	3
Ganllwyd	1956	8	--	8
Llanelltyd	1957	3	--	3
Pennal		6	--	6
		185	12	197

The Council are acquiring a number of cottages to be reconditioned to meet special housing needs.

Private Enterprise Development

New houses erected	47	Extensions, improvement	
Change of use	1	and alterations	18
Shops	2	Camping Sites developed	3
		Caravan Sites	15

OUTSTANDING SEWER SCHEMES

Extension Friog to Fairbourne	Village of Brithdir
Village of Arthog	Village of Rhydymain
Village of Mallwyd (hamlet)	Village of Pennal
Village of Aberangell	Village of Talybont
Part village of Lower Corris	Part village of Upper Corris.
Dinas Mawddwy S. & S.D. Works (Completed)	

Rivers and Streams:

There are no industries in the district to pollute the rivers and streams but there are some careless individuals who insist on throwing tins and refuse into the streams. Warning notices are posted in some localities to cease this undesirable custom but it is difficult to achieve positive results.

Refuse Collection:

The Council have provided a satisfactory covered lorry, the necessary staff and a number of refuse disposal sites and undertakes by direct labour the scavenging of the scattered built-up villages and houses en route throughout the 14 parishes, which involves approximately 360 miles per week. The scheme has now been extended to include the Parish of Pennal. Twice weekly collections are made in the Corris, and Llanegryn areas.

Smoke Abatement:

No action was taken in this respect during the year.

Swimming Baths and Pools:

There are no public nor privately owned swimming baths open to the public.

Eradication of Bugs:

One case was treated during the year.

Meat and Food Inspection:

Slaughtering Licences Issued	-	-	-	11
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Other foodstuffs surrendered as being unfit for human consumption include the following:-

Tinned Meat	9 lbs	Tinned Puddings	2 lbs
" Crops	2 lbs 3 oz.	" Fish	2 lbs
" Fruit	21 lbs	" Soups	10 oz
Meat & Sausage	12 lbs	" Milk	16 oz
Fresh meat	114 lbs	Orange Juice	10 oz
Salad Cream	$4\frac{3}{4}$ oz	Quaker Oats	12 oz
Tinned Veg.	9 lbs	Butter	20 lbs
		Baby Food (Tin)	1 lb

Ice Cream Premises:

Number of manufacturing retailers registered	NIL
Number of Retailers registered	35

Clean Food Campaign (Food and Drugs Act, 1938):

The model byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 and adopted by the Council are in operation and are having effective results.

Bakehouses:

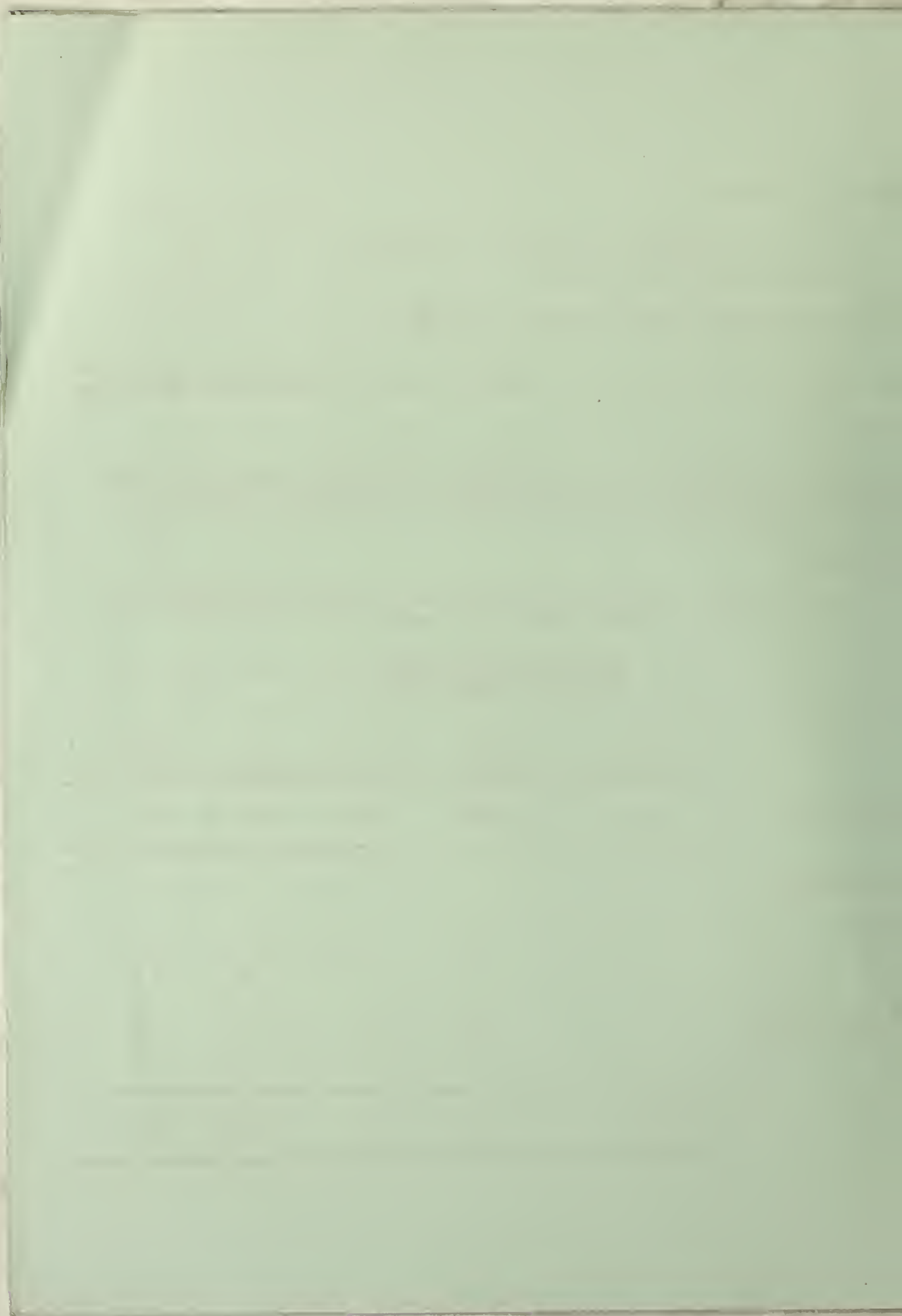
These are small in number and subject to periodical inspection. They are kept clean and are linewashed or painted at intervals. There are no underground bakehouses.

Workshops:

These are few in number and small and part occupied by the owner. The sanitary provisions are on the premises or nearby.

PESTS ACTS, 1949-1952
April to December 1959

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricul- tural	All Other	Total
Inspections	52	1985	530	306	2343
<u>Infestations:</u>					
Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	43	126	81	43	212
Mice (Infestation)	-	35	11	12	47
	43	161	92	55	259



Conclusion:

The year 1960 brought further progress in improvements with major housing repairs, reconditioning and conversion of houses under the Hill Farming and Housing Act, which bring amenity to the District.

I am, Sirs,

Yours Obedient Servant,

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